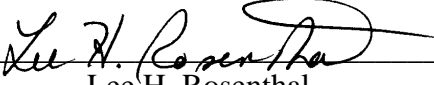


March 14, 2018.

The defendants argue that they should be given the opportunity to review written discovery responses from the plaintiffs before they designate their 7 deposition plaintiffs. The plaintiffs agree. The plaintiffs propose that both parties make their deponent designations two weeks after the April 10 deadline for the plaintiffs to produce supplemented discovery responses. Two weeks is an appropriate amount of time for the defendants to review the plaintiffs' written discovery responses. The parties must identify the plaintiffs designated to be deposed by **5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2018.**

The defendants ask the court to require the plaintiffs to identify 3 deponent selections before the defendants finalize their written discovery selections. As stated on the record at the March 6 hearing, counsel for the defendants will examine the results of the representational discovery and advise the court if he believes that more discovery, whether on a representative basis or from more of the opt-in plaintiffs, is necessary. This request is denied without prejudice as premature.

SIGNED on March 12, 2018, at Houston, Texas.



Lee H. Rosenthal
Chief United States District Judge